

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant Michael W. Semmens' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant Semmens has devoted over 22 years of his life to the service of this state and country, including service as a Bridge Crewmember, Food Service Sergeant and Bridge Crew Chief for the South Dakota Army National Guard, and deployment to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant Semmens continues to give of himself; and,

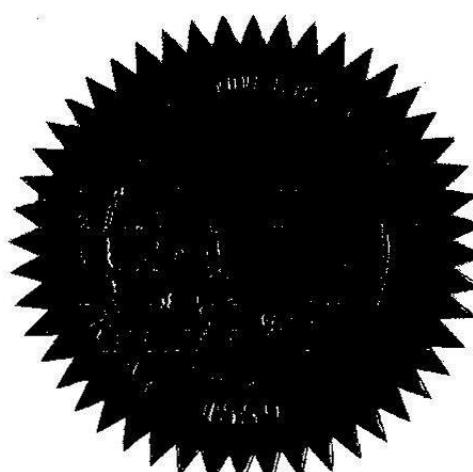
*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Michael W. Semmens for more than 22 years of dedicated, outstanding service to this country and state:

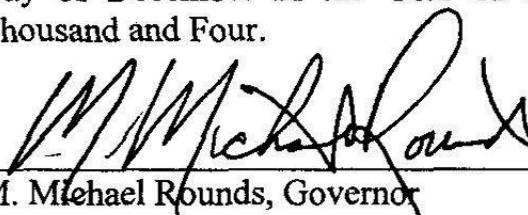
***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

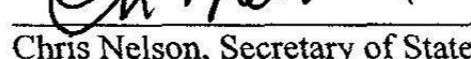
*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State